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THE SLENDER THREAD WHICH SAVES THE PUBLIC FROM JOBBERY.

IT IS an extraordinary fact developed by the Tanner creek sewer investigation that the only hope of protection which the public has from jobbery is the uncertain one of a falling out among those who form the contractors' pool.

A SIMPLE LESSON FOR PARENTS.

THE CARELESSNESS of many parents, in leaving bottles of poison, loaded guns or matches where young children can get at them, is often so severely punished, in the sudden and tragic death of a little innocent, that sympathy rather than censure naturally springs from the heart of the observer or commentator.

GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

WE CLIP THE appended local news item from the McMinnville Reporter: J. B. Fletcher has improved the appearance of his place near the Dayton bridge by cutting away and burning the underbrush under the bridge and along the stream.

FUTURE OF SOCIALISM.

THAT THE SOCIALIST vote increased very much over that of four years ago is no sure sign that it will continue to increase. It may or it may not. Whether it will or not depends upon the trend of events yet darkly hid, in an incubating state, in the womb of the future.

The Play

Six clever players came to Portland last evening in Bernard Shaw's triumph "Candida" and gave us the reason why New York was "Candida" a year ago.

one of the parties to the contractors' pool was dissatisfied and rumors regarding the jobbery on the sewer took such tangible form that an investigation was started before anybody seems to have been aware what he was about, and so the cat got out of the bag. Upon such slender threads hang the fate of nations and sewer jobs.

Small Change

Taxpayers vs. officialdom - fight it out. Best climate, the year round, on earth. The Socialist party needs a cool headed analyst.

Surprise of the Election

Brookton, Mass. Dispatch in the New York Sun. William Lewis Douglas, who on Tuesday last was elected governor of Massachusetts by a plurality that dumfounded his Republican opponents and astonished his Democratic friends, is a plain, everyday kind of citizen of this place, a self-made man who rose from the shoemaker's bench to his present place in the business world and amassed a fortune through his own efforts.

Oregon Sidelights

Revivals already. Wildcats numerous beyond Gresham. Peto is to have a farmers' feed shed. Lebanon is to have a new big planning mill. Larger attendance than ever before at the Weston normal school. Corvallis has an apple show today. But watch out for her poultry. Farmers smiling; housewives awful busy-working and scheming. An Egin calf, at four months, dressed and bred him. A man named Eug raised a big calf. A Yoncalla man has harvested 6,500 bushels of apples, and others of that vicinity have big crops. In years past hop roots were given away, but now there is a big demand for them at from \$7 to \$10 per 100. No county of Oregon more needs, or will be more benefited by a good exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair, than Coos. A tract of Morrow county land bought five years ago for \$2,250, sold last week for \$14,000. This is a sample instance. An eastern Oregon stage driver, who captured a burglar, has been treated to a haystack and shot it with a scotch shovel. There are eighteen weekly and semi-weekly clubs organized among the young men and women of the Agricultural college this year. My, what good young people. Dallas Observer: No finer celery has ever been seen in the Dallas market than that which is being brought to town by John Guy. Mr. Guy finds a ready sale market for his celery, and will realize a neat profit from this year's crop. He will market about 1,500 bunches between now and Thanksgiving day. Eugene Register: The irrigation talk in this part of the valley during the summer caused a number of growers to try the experiment and with great success. F. B. Chase, the gardener, has been amply repaid this season by irrigation of his vegetable lands. He has demonstrated the virtue of such work by raising the finest, best and most abundant crop of celery this year he has ever raised and with which he has completely supplied the local market. A Peck's Bad Boy show was at Clatskanie Tuesday, writing a correspondent of the St. Henry's list, and among other things it led a billy goat around the streets during the day. One of our youngsters, in order to show off, pulled the goat's tail, when, you know, the goat turned on him, and you wouldn't have thought, had you seen the rick-up, that Peck's bad boy was roaming the streets in person. We guess the kids of this city want want any more billy goat shows for some time.

City Life and Growing Children

Conditions are such in these days of the dense population of the world that it is impossible for persons at all times to choose their abiding places where it is most agreeable to them. More frequently necessity rather than preference governs their choice.

Advice to Lovelorn

Dear Miss Fairfax-I am in mourning for my dear mother eight months. When I am employed the employers give a ball each year. As I am always head of arrangements I do not know whether I should attend the ball or not. All those concerned say I should go, if only for business sake. Now, Miss Fairfax, I don't know which way to turn in this matter. PEARL KENNEDY. It is not customary when one has been in mourning a short time to attend balls, but it is a matter in which you must be guided entirely by your own feelings. I do not see how you can get over your mourning and do not think that you going to the ball would indicate that you did not sincerely mourn your mother. But you must remember that many people are great admirers of the etiquette of mourning and you may be severely criticised for going out so soon after your mother's death. If you were a good daughter to her and have nothing to reproach yourself with in her death, do not think you would be showing any lack of feeling by attending the dance. Dear Miss Fairfax-I kept company with a young man for five years, during which time I became engaged to him. Twice during that five years he broke off our engagement for no apparent reason, and finally he broke it a third time about a year ago, and I have not seen him since. During our engagement I went to a great deal of expense getting ready everything that a girl would expect to have when she is married. A few days ago I received a letter from him asking for the ring and other tokens which he gave me, and I suppose he wants to give them to some other girl. I don't think I should return them, after all my trouble and expense, and also considering the fact that they were returned to him some time ago, when he refused them. As I would like to do his duty as he sees it, I have wisely put from him all temptation to play politics, and therefore, the country may expect to see him try out his political ideas during his administration. The question is whether these policies are to be. We think that he and his party ought to take up the trust question and finally dispose of it. The laws against illegal combinations must be heretically enforced, and we suggest that the criminal provisions of the anti-trust laws should be executed. The fact that the people approved the Roosevelt policy is not so emphatically does not, by any means, indicate that they are any more in love with monopoly than they ever were. Fashion Accomplishes Good Purpose. An odd story of how the power of fashion may be turned to a good purpose is being related in England. It is said that when Queen Alexandra heard how the moles were destroying crops in Wales she ordered a moleskin muff. This became the rage, and the moles are nearly exterminated.

Journal of Lewis and Clark

Nov. 21.-The morning was fine and the day warm. We purchased from the Mandan a quantity of corn of a mixed color, which they dug up in the earth from holes made near the front of their lodges, in which it is buried during the winter. This corn is a variety of corn which they call "Indian corn" and is used to kill his wife near the fort. We went down to the house of our interpreter, where we found the parties, and after a forbidden feast, we were invited into the cause of his intending to commit such an atrocity. It appeared that some days ago a quarrel had taken place between him and his wife, in consequence of which she had taken refuge in the house where the two squaws of our interpreter lived; by running away she forfeited her life, which might have been lawfully taken by her husband. About two weeks ago she returned to the village, but the same evening came back to the fort much beaten, and stabbed in three places, and the husband ran away for the purpose of committing suicide. He observed that he had lent her to one of our sergeants for the night, and if he wanted her he would give her to him altogether; we gave him a few presents and tried to persuade him to let her go. The grand chief, too, happened to arrive at the same moment and reproached him with his violence, till at length they went off together, but by no means in a state of much apparent love. KAESER WILHELM'S COOKS. From German Stories. Feeding the German emperor is no light task. Despite all that is said about the Kaiser's Spartan habits, there are few monarchs who keep more elaborate tables. He has a German, a Frenchman, an Englishman, an Italian and a Frenchman-so that he can have his meals for the day served in a style of what is called "a la carte." Each of these chefs has his staff of assistants, while in addition there is an individual who may safely be described as "sausage-maker to the Kaiser." The Emperor's table is a huge white frankfurter sausage, and has a supply of them made fresh every day in his own kitchen. When engaged in maneuvering his army on a big field day, the Kaiser is invariably fed with large beer. In addition to all these cooks there is a special staff to prepare meals for the younger princes and princesses, who are not allowed to partake of the dishes of the elder members of the family indulge in. WAS AN INHERITANCE TO FRAGO. From the Detroit Free Press. Instead of considering that the war in the Orient is an affair of the East, the United States should consider the efforts of the peace promoters, or bring their plans into disrepute through demonstration of their inapplicability, it will probably be an added incentive to the United States to enter the war. The present conflict is the first one that has furnished fair evidence of the terrors of war in which modern methods are used. It has been a fearful lesson to the leaders of modern ordnance and any nation may well hesitate before incurring the chance of subjecting its soldiers to the risks and its people to the disasters that come with a great triumph for the friends of universal peace.